

BRYCE CRITICISES THE CONSTITUTION

Harmonious Cooperation is Lacking Between the Departments.

"APPEAR SUSPICIOUS"

Great Britain's Ambassador Is Guest of Honor at Pennsylvania's Dinner.

SEES PARADE OF FLAGS

Job Hodges and Wickersham Also Among Speakers at Notable Gathering.

The Pennsylvania Society, with its annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria last night, commemorated the 125th anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States, and the guest of honor was a gentleman who has said and written many wise and pleasant things about the Constitution and other American institutions, the Right Hon. James Bryce, who is about to return to England after nearly six years of service as the British Ambassador.

The Constitution was, in one way or another, the subject developed by the four who responded to toasts, Ambassador Bryce, Attorney-General Wickersham, Job E. Hodges and Senator William E. Borah of Idaho. Neatly bound copies of the fundamental law were distributed as dinner souvenirs, and the old Constitution was more talked about last night than has been the case perhaps in a big assemblage of banquets for a long time.

Hardly less discussed and less honored was the British Ambassador. There were nearly 1,000 men at table and throughout the evening they made Mr. Bryce understand very clearly that Americans feel a sense of personal loss in his forthcoming retirement. Former United States Senator William A. Clark, who presided, presented to Mr. Bryce, on behalf of the society, the gold medal which the Pennsylvanians give only to their most distinguished guests. It was the first time that this medal had ever been given to any one not a citizen of the United States.

Drums, Bugles and Flags.

The Pennsylvania Society dined with much pomp and ceremony, with ruffles of drums and flourishes of flags and waving of flags. As a preliminary to the dinner there was a time honored procession of flags—the old banners (some of which have a notable history) held in the custody of the society. First came the banner of the society, then the bugler and life and drum corps, then the flags of the United States and Great Britain and then the guests of honor, two by two.

The British Ambassador was escorted by William A. Clark, president of the society. Then followed Attorney-General Wickersham and former Governor Edwin S. Stuart of Pennsylvania; Senator Borah and Robert M. La Follette; Job E. Hodges and W. P. Hensel, William S. Hawk and P. B. Worrall, Walter L. McCorkle and Henry W. Shoemaker, Prof. Howard Crosby (Iowa) and O. C. Harding, Dr. Henry S. Drinker and Daniel C. Kerr, Rear Admiral Peary and E. B. Hardenbergh, Henry Galbraith Ward and William A. Glasgow, Jr., the Right Rev. James H. Darlington, Bishop of Harrisburg, and William Dulles, District Attorney Whitman and Gustavus T. Kirby, Charles R. Miller and Thomas B. Harper.

Mayor Rudolph Blankenburg of Philadelphia and F. W. Woodworth, owner of the Woodworth Building; the Rev. Dr. James M. Farrar and S. M. Kelper, Henry P. Davidson and Joseph G. Butler, Jr., W. W. Griest and Everett L. Landon, Canon George F. Nelson and Edgar S. Cook, Henry Lawrence Bogart and Horace Pettit, Col. C. A. Rook and Bradford Rhodes and Dr. S. B. McCormick and Hampton E. Tener. And between the pairs were carried historic old flags.

The other Pennsylvanians and their guests were seated at nearly 100 small tables, and their number overflowed the grand ballroom and found accommodation in adjoining rooms.

"County" Tables Arranged.

So far as was possible the Pennsylvania folk who have come to New York to acquire fame, or cash, or both, were seated at county tables. In this way one found out that John B. Stanchfield, for example, came from Brookville, Pa. Among the well known men who were identified in the great crowd were:

Commodore R. A. C. Smith, Wilbur F. Wakeman, C. B. Meers, Charles A. Starbuck, Thomas S. Gilvie, James R. Forens, Fred W. Schmidt, John G. O'Keefe, Dr. Hamilton Vreeland, Albert Hopkins, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, publisher of the *Saturday Evening Post*, the *Ladies Home Journal* and other magazines; Col. Samuel P. Colt, Dr. Robert C. Ogden, Henry E. Ide, Col. Robert M. Thompson, Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson, Richard Wainwright and Washington L. Capen, Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad; Frank J. Gould, Ernest Flagg, William Fellowes Morgan, Theodore P. Shonts.

Thomas F. Ryan, De Lancey Nicoll, August Belmont, E. H. Guttenberg, L. F. Loree, Frank A. Vanderlip, W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central; Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, James M. Beck, Frederick D. Underwood, John Ringling, Richard T. Davies, Percy A. Rockefeller, Collector William Loebe, Jr., Herbert L. Satterlee, Dr. Louis L. Seaman, Vance C. McCormick, Norman B. Ream, Judge William A. Day, John B. Stanchfield, William E. Corey, John P. Elkin, Charles R. Flint and A. W. Porter.

Among those who took boxes and who entertained the women relatives and friends of the Pennsylvanians were Theodore P. Shonts, William A. Clark, Col. Robert M. Thompson, Richard T. Davies, William Guggenheim, Lieut. Col. Allan C. Bakewell, Col. Edward Barr and George A. Post.

The Pennsylvanians wandered through one of Oscar's most delectable menus, but there was no scrapple. The absence of this old home dish was not explained. Toastmaster Clark after making his address as the president of the society

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introduced Attorney-General Wickersham.

The Attorney-General warned his hearers that the spirit of the times seemed to contemplate making of the Constitution "nothing more than a code of laws easily changed." He said in part:

"It is impossible to ignore the changes in government as indicated by the adoption of the initiative, referendum and the recall in many States. Every American should consider the element of discontent shown by these changes. It is due more to the individual voter than anything else that the rapid spread of these instruments of government have taken place. These things lead to the adoption of institutions which, however desirable they may be, are not adherent to the theory of the government under which we live."

Attorney-General Wickersham went on to say that the effort to secure governmental curricula might be likened to a patient who turned from the regular practitioners to quack doctors, seeking quicker relief. He continued:

"The only way to save ourselves is by the awakening of every individual. It is unnecessary to the complete reform that we should destroy the constitutional structure of our Government. The character of the 'new constitution' is such that changes may be made by a majority vote. This makes the constitution nothing more than a code of laws, easily changed."

"There is no protection for life, liberty or property left in the institutions of the country. God grant that your prejudice do not blind your judgment. There are present evils so serious in our politics that they must be corrected. To stay the hand of the discredited we must satisfy their judgment and acquit our own."

Gold Medal for Bryce.

Toastmaster Clark presented Ambassador Bryce with the gold medal of the society. The Ambassador's toast was "The Constitution of the United States." In part he said:

"The Constitution was the work of an extraordinary group of men such as has seldom been seen living at the same time in any country and such as had never been brought together in any other country to undertake the immensely difficult task of framing a fundamental instrument of government for a nation. The nation was then a small one and it is one of the most striking tributes to the genius and foresight of the men that that frame of government which they designed for 3,000,000 people should have proved fitting to serve the needs of 92,000,000."

He spoke of the work done by Pennsylvania's Constitution framers and then passed on to a philosophical commentary on the workings of the instrument. One criticism was as follows:

"The Constitution consists of two parts. First, that which creates a system of national government with its three departments and, secondly, that which defines the relations of the nation to the States. Of these two parts it is the latter that has been the smoother and more efficient in its daily working. The frame of Government has no doubt succeeded in preserving a balance between the three departments and in securing the independence of the judiciary, but many of your own leading statesmen, as well as foreign observers, have held that the relations of the legislative and the Executive are not altogether what they should be and that there is a want of harmonious cooperation between them. These departments seem to keep one another at arm's length, and it is declared that there are sometimes signs of suspicion and jealousy between them which impede the progress both of administration and of legislation."

"Vitalizing Force of World."

The Ambassador closed with: "In particular you have shown the world how it is possible to reconcile national unity with the existence of local self-government in larger and in smaller communities over the immense spaces of a continent, a problem which a century and a half ago every one would have thought insoluble. Thus has the Constitution of the United States become by the example of its working and the halo of fame which now surrounds it one of the vitalizing forces of the world. Let us honor the memory of the illustrious men who ren-

dered this incomparable and enduring service not only to you, but to all mankind."

Senator Borah's toast was "The United States."

"It is idle to assume that there are no storms ahead," said the Senator. "It is useless to conceal the fact that thoughtful and conservative men entertain fears concerning the future of our republican form of government. We are seeking to adjust the details of government to an industrial life of which the fathers never dreamed. The result must for a time be in doubt."

"With political power in the hands of the majority and wealth in the hands of the minority, the supreme test of the Constitution is yet in the future. The effect of another hundred years upon the fundamental law cannot be predicted by any man. I have no faith in the Constitution standing apart and in and of itself. But as an instrument in the hands of a strong and self-reliant people it will prove equal to every emergency."

Job Hodges caused great mirth by telling the Pennsylvanians that never before had he spoken to a gathering so admittedly intelligent. But the matter of the gold medal of the society just given to Mr. Bryce was on his mind particularly and he said it was a hard wrench to let that get out of the family. He said:

"I'm glad he got it through. He deserved it. The book he wrote was more learned than mine, but not more unique. I have written with some intelligence on a matter about which most statesmen know nothing, and while I don't claim to be entitled to a gold medal I think I'm entitled to some concrete reward. It took nerve as well as knowledge to write as I did."

"During the last political unpleasantness (I speak with modesty on it) only 25 per cent. of the electorate had the Constitution in mind. When voting they followed personal reasons largely. The question is not whether the Constitution shall be preserved, but who shall preserve it."

"It is only by meeting his obligations that a man can find out what his rights are. Our public mind and public opinion are governed by the experiences and utterances of men whom we respect and look up to. Changes in the Constitution have been made when those men of big mentality were silent who if they had spoken would never have allowed those changes. The integrity of the Constitution rests to-day on the mental and moral integrity of the average citizen. I know of no example of maladministration not traceable to neglect of public opinion until too late."

WOMAN, GAGGED AND BOUND, FREES SELF, ROUTS THIEVES

Battles With Intruders, Who Flee From House, Abandoning Their Loot.

PASSAIC, Dec. 14.—Though gagged, chloroformed and bound by two burglars shortly before midnight last night Mrs. Frederick Trend of 74 Hadley avenue, Clifton, just outside of Passaic, succeeded in releasing herself and so effectively doing battle with one of the men that both fled, abandoning the loot they had prepared to carry away.

Mrs. Trend, home alone with her four-year-old son Frederick, put him to bed and dozed off on a sofa, waiting for her husband, who had come to this city to attend a lodge meeting. She awoke at midnight as two men placed a stocking in her mouth, tied her hands and wound the rope about the couch. Just before throwing a cloth soaked with chloroform on her face one of them pointing a gun at her said:

"If you move we'll kill you!" As soon as the men left the room to ransack the house Mrs. Trend turned her head until the cloth on her face fell to the floor. In their hurry the burglars had not placed enough chloroform on the cloth to take effect. Mrs. Trend had succeeded in breaking the ties which held her when one of the burglars returned. Quickly removing the gag from

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COUPLE DEAD IN BED FROM GAS.

Pet Dog Also a Victim of Accident to Range.

Nobody had seen James Golden and his wife about their home at 249 Kearney avenue, Jersey City, since Thursday night. So yesterday Mrs. Golden's brother, Robert Dimock, broke down the front door and following a smell of gas went to the bedroom. There the couple were found dead in their bed. A stopcock broken from the gas range in the kitchen showed how death had occurred. The police think that the deaths were accidental. Under the bed in the room with the couple was found Mrs. Golden's pet fox terrier, also a victim of the gas.

SMUGGLING INQUIRY TO BEGIN.

Dressmakers to Be Quizzed About Alleged \$1,000,000 Plot.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—An investigation into the alleged smuggling of \$1,000,000 worth of dress goods, silks and satins into the country by fashionable dressmakers throughout the United States will be opened here Monday by the Federal Grand Jury.

Miss Anna F. Cox, a fashionable modiste, will be the first witness. She will be asked to tell what she knows of Mrs. George Halderman, alias Mme. Halderman, who was arrested in New York and indicted for smuggling in silks and Parisian gowns amounting to \$15,000. Miss Cox was a passenger on the same vessel with Mrs. Halderman.

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